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From the Desk



of the Director

Greetings Everyone,

Well, it is time for another Journal to be sent out. My, but time flies by. Hopefully everyone has had a mild winter and is enjoying the spring flowers that have already popped their heads above the ground.

Customer visitation here at the library is starting to pick up now that we have some nicer days. Some of the activities here have been: formulating plans for the new sidewalks and ramp that is to be installed, moving our retail shop which was back in the meeting area to the front of the building and by the time you read this we will be getting ready for one of two yard sales we have here as a fundraiser. We just finished with our Annual Spring Spaghetti Dinner which is always a big success with Irma **CURTIS'** famous spaghetti sauce.

This year's History Day at the state capital was very exciting. We took a tour of the capital building and got to set in on one of the legislative sessions while we were there. Be sure to congratulate our History Hero, Ann **WILFONG**, she is a volunteer here and not only offers her time on a weekly basis to help keep the library open to the public but has been instrumental in helping with various publications on veterans and genealogy. It is nice that our state takes the time to honor its historians and volunteers in the field of history and genealogy.

Don't forget about the Gathering coming up August 9th through the 12th. You'll find information about it in this packet.

Hopefully I will get to see a lot of our members who I have only talked to on the phone or by email. It promises to be a great time here in Weston.

So, till next time,
 Linda

LIBRARY FACELIFT

When HCPD acquired the old Horner School for its new home in February 1998, we knew there was much to be done to turn it into a library. With a paid contractor and lots of volunteer help, including Raymond **WARE** and his late wife, Bonnie, the late Daril **STALNAKER**, the late Charles **WHITE**, and several others, we were able to move from our old digs on the Jackson's Mill Road in late July 1998. The updates at that time included a new roof, heating and air conditioning, and converting the two classrooms into a library, two offices and a workroom. The work, which cost more than \$50,000, was paid for with a major fund drive that included many donations from our members

A few years later using grant money and another fund drive that included a challenge to match funds donated in memory of Charles **WHITE** we upgraded the electric, installed new windows and purchased a new stove for our kitchen. (Charles' wife, May, was one of The Four who formed HCPD back in 1982.)

About the same time, we were able to drum up enough local volunteer help to scrape and paint the outside of the building.

A year or so later, we installed the handicapped ramp at the front of the building. Then, in 2008, we began another capital campaign, this time to purchase and install insulation and vinyl siding on our building. We were able to complete it in 2009 using campaign money and some grant dollars.

Never ones to sit back and not do much, in late 2009 we applied for a grant from the Governor's Community Partnership Grant Program and eventually received a \$3000 grant to address the need for a better drainage systems. It usually is close to two years between the time a grant is applied for and the time it is received. In this case, it was late 2010 before the money was available and the work was completed before our 2011 gathering. Again, we had to dig into our savings to complete the project.

Fortunately for us, Lewis County and her neighbors in West Virginia have become the sight of much drilling for natural gas, a result of which is royalties ranging from \$800-\$1000+ monthly passing into our coffers. These royalties were given to HCPD by the late Katherine **SIMONTON**.

Now, we are waiting for good weather to implement work on our sidewalks and a new handicapped ramp at the back door, again thanks in part to a \$4000 grant from the Governor's Community Partnership Grant Program. Rules for the grant state that the work must be completed by the end of June.

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COON
Coonrod, 24

DAVIS, 24
Ann, 34
Jane, 34
Jean/Jane, 34

Joseph
William, 34
Margaret, 34
Mary, 34
Sarah, 34
William, 34

DAVISSON
Andrew, 7

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Charles T., 33
Lavenia, 33
Samuel R., 33

DAYOFF
Clara, 16
Clara Mildred, 15

DEAMER
George, 33

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Mary, 22

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Peggy, 29

Eskridge
HALL, 5, 6, 7
FLANNAGAN
Elizabeth C., 13

FREDERICK
Henry, 10

GIBSON
Malinda, 4

GRIFFITH
Belle M., 19
John T., 19
John T., 18
Ruth A., 18, 19

Hall
Mariah, 5, 8
William, 5

HALL

6. I'm interested in the **LAW-BURNSIDE-SOMMERVILLE-LYNCH** trees involving William **LAW** b 1770 Northern Ireland who came to Harrison Co with his three brothers, Thomas, John and Francis in the late 1790's. I believe they all lived together in the Fermanagh Co area and were flax growers and/or weavers. I believe they all left Northern Ireland within a year or two of each other, and reconnected in Harrison Co. They married into each other's families in Harrison Co.

I would love to trace the **LAW** family from Ireland back to Scotland, where I believe they came from the Perthshire area and belonged to Clan MacLaren.

Any help would be so much appreciated. Am also looking for info about them and their lives in Harrison County. My Line is this: William **LAW** Sr- William **LAW** Jr- James S **LAW**-Lewis A **LAW**-Argil Guy **LAW**-Richard **LAW**-Karen **LAW COCHRAN** (me) Karen **LAW COCHRAN**, 329 Locust Grove Drive, Purcellville, VA (540) 338-4214 kecjdc@verizon.net

7. Looking for families who moved to New Madrid, MO c1809; perhaps with Robert **BARTLETT**, who died there c1819. He took his second wife Susannah **HAYMOND** (dau of Wm **HAYMOND** & Cassandra **CLELLAND**); and children: Rebecca (m 1805 Scarlet **BARTLETT**); Thomas **BARTLETT** 1799-1894 in MO; Rowena **BARTLETT** 1800-1869 (m 1819 Danl **WATSON**); probably Sarah **BARTLETT** (m John **LAFONT**); and possibly Mary E **BARTLETT** (m Moses **SIMPSON**).

Also, looking for any info on Edward **PIGOTT** 61 and wife Mary F 61 in 1850 Wood Co, VA census. Looking for any evidence that Mary F was, or was not, Mary Frances **BARTLETT**. Jim **BARTLETT** jim4BARTLETTs@verizon.net 7224 Beacon Ter, Bethesda, MD 20817

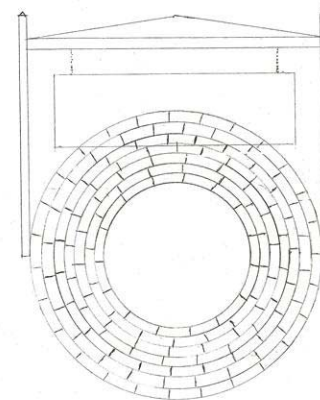
8. Looking for information about any or all of the six children of William **DAVIS** with wife Jean/Jane (b c1740). One son, Joseph William **DAVIS** b c 1768 married Hannah **LAMBERT** 1790; Margaret **DAVIS** b c 1771, married Moses **HUSTEAD** Feb. 28, 1791; Ann **DAVIS** b c 1770 married John **KELLY** Feb. 16, 1786; Sarah **DAVIS** b c 1773 married John **ASA** July 29, 1789; Mary **DAVIS** b c 1774 married Jacopy **LOOFBOURROW** and Thomas **MAXSON** on Dec. 07, 1791; Jane **DAVIS** b c 1776 married Enoch **MOORE** on May 23, 1792. The father, William **DAVIS**, made settlements in Harrison County in 1772 and 1776 and was a member of the Simpson Creek Baptist Church. Any information on this family would be appreciated, especially where they were born! Ethel **NIELSON** 25 Bridgewood Street, Irvine, CA 92604 een10@sbcglobal.net

Meanwhile, we have applied for two more grants from the same program. One will be for heating/air conditioning upgrade and the other to pave our parking lot. We already know that county government will pay for paving two handicapped spots for us. The reason for this: our building is used for voting in all elections held in the county.

Memorial Planned

Over the years, we have commemorated our members, family members and various pioneers of Central West Virginia with wall plaques and the adoption of various parts of our facility, i.e., the bell tower, the flag pole and the reading room. Funds generated by these projects have been used to improve and enhance our facility, especially those mentioned earlier in this article.

Our board of directors has approved another project with the same dual purpose: to memorialize our members, family members and others and to generate funds to enhance our facility.



We are giving our members and others the opportunity to purchase an engraved Memorial Paver in your own name or that of a loved one which will become a permanent part of our facility as a memorial garden in one or two locations on our grounds. Incorporated in one of these will be the sign welcoming the public to our facility.

Funds generated by this project will help meet the matching funds required for grants as mentioned earlier in this article.

Each paver will be engraved by Lewis County Monument dealer, Doug **STALNAKER** with information and/or wording provided by you. The engraved words may be one to three lines of 16 characters or spaces each. Each brick will be \$50.

Please use the order form in this Journal or visit our website to place your order electronically. Verbal orders WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

A Lost Prodigal Son

Descendants of Eskridge HALL

Compiled by Nancy A. Jackson Ph.D.

Will of William HALL

Harrison County, WV Will Book 4:220

In the name of god (sic) Amen William HALL Senior of Harrison County in state of Virginia being weak in Body but of sound memory blesed be god sic do this twenty third day of August in the year of our lord 1828 make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say I wish – I give to my son William HALL the sum of one dole (*believed to have meant to be dollar according to David Houchin*) to be levied out of my estate and I give to my son Eskridge HALL all the Land belonging to me being the East side of the main road leading through my place containing fifty acres more or less I give to my daughter Betsy HALL one feather bed and bedding (sic) and bedstead and one spinning wheel and one two year old pied heifer as a dead (sic) of gift I give to my beloved wife Mary HALL all the rest of my Land with all the improvements thereon together (sic) with all my other property with indoors and outdoors to her use without waste? During her natureal (sic) life and at her death I give to my son Vincent HALL all that part of my Land with all its improvements thereon and belonging thereunto in consideration that he is to pay all my just debts and funeral expenses and all my personal Estate at the death of my beloved wife Mary HALL is to be equally divided between my sons Richard HALL Samuel HALL and my daughters Betsy HALL and Sally WHITE and Malinda GIBSON & do make and ordain my son Vincent HALL sole Executer of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have herunto (sic) set my name and seal the day and date above written William HALL (seal)

Teste

Mathew NEELY

John LAW

William LAW

Transcribed by Nancy A. JACKSON Ph.D. with help from David HOUCHIN

Generation No. 1

1. ESKRIDGE² HALL (*WILLIAM*¹) was born Abt. in Prob Loudoun Co., VA, and died Aft. 28 Jun 1860 in Prob. Brown, Hancock Co., IN. He married (1) MARY WILKINSON 1825 in Harrison Co., VA^{now WV}¹, daughter of LEMUEL WILKINSON. She was born Abt. 1802 in Prob Harrison Co., VA^{now WV}, and died Bet. 1840 - 1842 in Prob Harrison Co.,

Queries??????????

1. Seeking information on Samuel R. DAWSON and his wife Lavenia ?. In the 1850 Lewis County Census he is age 27 born in Maryland and is a Methodist Minister. His wife, Lavenia is age 20 born in Virginia. Son, Charles T. is one month old and living with them is another minister George DEAMER age 22 born PA. Does anyone know the maiden name of Samuel DAWSON's wife? Linda MEYERS, 9682 Woodgate Lane, Byron, IL 61010 lbmeyers@comcast.net

2. In the 1850 Lewis County Census, George A. JACKSON is age 35 born in Pennsylvania. He is listed with two daughters Mary R born 1841 and Ann E born 1842. Who was George's wife? Was she Caroline BROOKS? Also living there is Rebecca HODSON age 37 also born in PA with a son George B. HODSON. Is Rebecca a sister of George? Linda MEYERS, , 9682 Woodgate LANE, Byron, IL 61010 lbmeyers@comcast.net

3. Jeremiah COOKMAN owned a farm on Jesse's Run near Jane Lew, (W)VA prior to his death in 1860. Seeking the exact location of his farm or other COOKMAN property starting about 1800. Names would be William and his children George, Jeremiah. William, John, Samuel and Elizabeth who married George LORENTZ. Linda STEORTS KAUFMAN, 110 Ross Street, Bridgeport, WV 26339 (304) 842-5942 Lskwvhomes@aol.com

4. There was an early school somewhere on the Minter BAILEY land just north of Jane Lew. Would appreciate any information and the exact location. Linda STEORTS KAUFMAN, 110 Ross Street, Bridgeport, WV 26339 (304) 842-5942 Lskwvhomes@aol.com

5. Looking for the burial location for Cassandra CLELLAND-HAYMOND, born 25 Oct 1741 in Rock Creek Parish, Prince George Co., MD., died 23 Dec 1788 in Clarksburg, Harrison Co., VA., d/o Thomas CLELLAND and Jane SMITH, married William HAYMOND 19 Apr 1763 in Frederick Co., VA.. It is thought she is buried in a cemetery in Clarksburg, WV. as she was not buried next to her husband on Zacks Run in Quiet Dell, Harrison CO., VA. Patricia HAYMOND-VIELLENAVE, 912-729-8880 or wvqal@tds.net

They were the ones who had responsibility. They had been the ones that had sacrificed to get it. Helping their mother and father to get it. So that's the way it ended.

Pa came home with the lunch box one morning. He worked (*when he was an old man*); he was watching down there at the tunnel, and he was telling this fabulous story. The trains would stop here on the railroad siding. Then the train men would go down and loaf with him at the end of the tunnel where he had his booth of a thing, and he would always walk through the tunnel before certain trains would go through to see that no rock had fallen into the tunnel and none of the rails were broken of any thing. So this morning he came – he stayed there 24 hours a day really, but he also had facilities to sleep and rest between trains. So he came home for breakfast every morning, and we always got up and ate breakfast together. Mama fixed a big breakfast for him, and he always wanted all of us to eat breakfast together, so we always got up to eat breakfast with him. And he said he had a funny story to tell us this morning, and any way he said, "Some of the fellows came in off the –", and he gave the number of the train, it was a freight train. And he said, "As they were going west and when they got down to Silver Run," I think it was the name of the station, "there was heavy woods on each side of the railroad track, because it was section. And the fellows saw this woman, the engineer saw this woman in the middle of the railroad track all dressed in white and – it was in the middle of the night – and it excited him." They had great big head lights on the engine, you know. "So he blew the whistle at her and she didn't get off the track. So he stopped the train and when he stopped the train she vanished just like that." and the next night when they came back they were telling my grandfather about it. And that very night when they were telling my grandfather about this thing that happened the night before this night when they were going west the very same thing happened, except, "She ran and jumped on the front of the cow-catcher," You know, they had these pointed things and they called them cow-catchers. They knock a cow ... In those days the cattle would get out and they could knock a cow off the railroad tracks and not wreck the train. "and she was right across the cow-catcher. They had also heard the story of the other engineers the night before." And Pa said, "That they just couldn't comprehend it." That was the story that Pa had told, and he wasn't a bit superstitious, and he would have laughed it down, had it not been told by two different men on two different nights. They said that several years before then, this girl had been ready to be married, and this was her wedding gown she had on. She disappeared. I forget what happened to her. People had said that they had seen her, or her ghost, up there in the woods. That was one of the stories he told of the railroad days. (This story corresponds closely with a more detailed version "The Phantom of Silver Run", published by William B. Price in his book, "Tales and Lore of The Mountains".

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VA\now WV. He married (2) MARIA CHAPIN STEELE 01 Sep 1842 in Henry Co., IN². She was born Abt. 1810 in VA.

Notes for ESKRIDGE HALL:

1830 enumerated in Harrison, VA\now WV as follows: 1 male 20 thru 29 (this would be Eskridge); 1 female 30 thru 39 (this would be Mary: 2 males under 5 (this would be William and unknown male HALL; total of 4 persons in the household.

1840 enumerated in Harrison, VA\now WV as follows: 1 male 40 thru 49 (this would be Eskridge); 1 female 40 thru 49 (this would be Mary) 1 male under 5 (this would be Edgar); 2 males 10 thru 14 (this would be William and unknown male HALL); 1 female under 5 (this would be Mahala); and 1 female 5 thru 9 (this would be Emmaline) 7 total in the household.

1850 enumerated in Wayne Twp, Henry Co., IN: Eskridge HALL 48 years b. VA; Mariah 40 years (has b. Va); Martha STEEL 16 years b. IN (this would be Mariah's daughter by previous marriage); William HALL 24 years b. VA; Edgar HALL 18 years b. VA; Emmaline HALL 15 years b. VA; Mahala HALL 13 years b. VA; Henry HALL 7 years b. IN; Lavina HALL 4 years b. IN; Warren HALL 3 years b. IN; Eleanor HALL 3 years b. IN.

1860 enumerated in Brown Twp, Hancock Co., IN: Eskridge HALL 57 years, school teacher; Mariah HALL 50 years; Henry 17 years; "Levina" 16 years; Warren 13 years and Eleanor 13 years.

Family legends state that Eskridge and two of his brothers, Samuel and Vincent went to Ohio. Eskridge might have stayed in Ohio for a short time but went on to Henry Co., IN. The compiler saw family trees on Ancestry.com that had Eskridge in Henry Co., IN but the sole sources seemed to be census records that still did not prove he was the son of William HALL. The most promising family tree was "Doug's Family" with information especially about daughter Emmaline HALL said to have married Elias HINSHAW. A google search on the internet for Elias HINSHAW led to the Genealogy of the HINSHAW Family (HINSHAW Association) and other valuable resources. A bibliography for Elias HINSHAW on Rootsweb HINSHAW site and also the HINSHAW genealogy clinched the growing belief that Eskridge from Harrison Co., VA\now WV did go to Henry Co, Va. Family genealogies did not list the children of Eskridge but did say he married Mary WILKINSON. This marriage is recorded in Harrison County, WV.

An excerpt of the bibliography of Elias HINSHAW states: "When he was twenty one years old Mr. HINSHAW was united in marriage with Miss

Angeline **LEWIS**, who died, however, with-in a year of marriage. (This marriage was verified on Ancestry.com with a marriage record for 1853. She died 9 Jun 1854) Mr. **HINSHAW** was again married, this time on 3rd of July 1856, to Miss Emma **HALL**, the daughter of Eskridge and Mary (**WILKINSON**) **HALL**. The latter was an aunt to Elnathan **WILKINSON** and a sister to Daniel **WILKINSON**. Eskridge **HALL** was a native of the Old Dominion, and was educated for the profession of teaching. He became a private tutor and, coming to Indiana, taught school here as long as he was able. His wife had died in Virginia, after having given birth to five children, and after coming to Indiana Mr. **HALL** wedded Mrs. Maria **STEELE CHAPIN**, (This compiler believes her maiden name was **CHAPIN** and she was a widow of Mr. **STEELE**) and they made their home upon a farm four miles northwest of Knightstown. Emma **HALL** lived in Knightstown with her grandmother until she was twelve years old and then for eight years or until her marriage lived with Joel B. **LOWE**, one of the pioneer merchants and his sister, Elizabeth, a wealthy couple. Mr. **LOWE** removed to Iowa, but afterward to his Tennessee home and died. Emma **HALL** was thought a great deal of by Mr. and Mrs. **LOWE**. Mr **HINSHAW** and his wife (Elias and Emmaline, aka Emma **HINSHAW**) became the parents of seven children. Three died in infancy while Lola M, lived at home until her death at the age of twenty-two, and Willie died when in his ninth year. Those living are: Charles H, who had been honored with the office of mayor and town clerk, and is now living with his mother and managing the farm for her, and Earl, who is a printer employed in the Banner office. Mrs. **HINSHAW** still retains active control of the farm and is an intelligent and well-informed lady. She has a taste and aptitude for many kinds of work, but because of delicate health is compelled to confine her work to art and music. Religiously she is connected with the Presbyterian Church and lends her influence in every way possible to the advancement of all good works." Source: Compendium of Bibliography of Henry County, Indiana" by B.F. **BOWEN** cited in the **HINSHAW** Genealogy (**HINSHAW** Association) and Rootsweb site for **HINSHAW**).

In Harrison County, WV Deed Book 17:443 is recorded the following marriage contract:

Mary **WILKINSON** to E. **HALL** to **WILKINSON**. This Indenture made the 23rd day of June one thousand eight hundred and twenty five between Mary **WILKINSON** of the County of Harrison and Commonwealth of Virginia of the first part and Eskridge **HALL** of the same place of the second part, and Lemuel **WILKINSON**, Witnesseth, that whereas a marriage

can because I'm old enough." And she said, "You can't go to school. You have no business going to our school. Your grand daddy was an old Rebel." Well of course, Pa was the apple of my eye, and I didn't know what a Rebel was I went home, and I said, "Pa, Audry **BURWELL** said you was a Rebel. What's a Rebel?" And (Laughing) I will never forget. He was quick to get mad you know, and his eyes kind of snapped, and he said, "Well you just go back to school in the morning and tell Audry **BURWELL** that you're no Damned Yankee." Then I had to know what a Damned Yankee was. And that's my first knowledge that there was any difference in people, you know. But, what made him so mad was that she had heard that at home. That's what made him mad to think the war was over, and that's what he used to tell us, "Now that the war's over". Pa always said, had Lincoln lived the South wouldn't have had such a hard time. He always said that, when someone said Lincoln was the cause of the war.

As soon as he could get enough money to bring his family over, he got a place to put them. He bought a farm. I don't know how he managed to get enough money.

When he was older Pa saw that some of the neighbor boys needed some guidance. Pa would get a group of them together and play cards with them, (he never played for money) and talk with them and council them. One of them, several years later said to me that Pa had more influence over him than any other person.

I was like this, Uncle Fate and Pa had one sister and unfortunately she had an illegitimate child, and this boy was retarded. He was a big strong fellow. Uncle Fate had this old farm and Uncle Fate didn't have much education. I don't know why he never went to school, but he was a hard worker. And so he stayed at home, and took care of this boy and the boy's mother, after his (Fate's) mother and father died. It was quite a good sized farm. He was a good farmer. He made the thing pay, and they drilled some wells on it, and he was a miser. He just horded his money to beat nobodies business. He really had some money and Uncle Charlie, he sort of looked after Uncle Fate in a way, and then Uncle Fate got feeble. Uncle Charlie, he was always a spoiled brat. Then they got into a squabble over Uncle Fate's will. And it was proven that Uncle Charlie made his will and him sign it when he was dying.... To make a long story short they broke the will. They (Charlie's family) didn't have him in the house too long. They didn't have to take care of him too long.

Each one of the brothers, there was Uncle Billy, Grandfather James, Uncle Doc (*Anderson*) who were living close then, and they got their share of what was left after the lawyers were paid for, which turned out not to be an huge amount but it was a very comfortable amount. And that sort of brought a feud within the family and Uncle Charlie's children never did quite forgive the rest of the family for breaking the will. Uncle Charlie had been the youngest. And he had not helped accumulate a thing they had, but the older boys had.

RAMSEY Family

(As told by Mona Bond daughter of James A. **RAMSEY**)

Submitted by Carolyn **RAMSAY**

Great Grandmother (*Elizabeth Lilly **RAMSEY***) had three sons in the (*Confederate*) army. Uncle Tom got badly injured and they sent him home, but he died before the war was over. Uncle Billy, a younger brother, was a little short man Uncle Billy and Pa (*James **RAMSEY***) were in prison (*Point Lookout Prison on the outer tip of St. Marys Co.*), down around Richmond. Someplace down on the James River there was an island at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay, and they nearly starved those boys to death. Uncle Billy was small, but he was a big eater. Pa just never was a big eater, but he was a big man. Pa would some way get away from the prison at night and swim across to the main land, it was far enough that it was a right good swim, and steal food and carry it back over his head and swim back to prison with one hand to feed Billy. Because he said, Billy would starve to death. He could not exist on the food they had. That was one of the stories that he told, himself.

Pearlie O. **RAMSEY** told Carolyn **RAMSAY** that while Anderson **RAMSEY**'s sons were fighting for the Confederacy, Anderson was spying for the Union. (email from Carolyn **RAMSAY**)

Pa had never told me this, but Mama (*Molly **RAMSEY BOND***) told me one time. I believe it was after Pa was dead. Then after the war, when he went home, they had their country dances just like they had always had. They were having a dance one night, and Pa was there m and these big old bucks, they crashed the dance and they came in and started raking the white girls away from their white partners. And they grabbed the wrong one, Pa's girl. And Pa knew these colored people real well. He knew that they were hard to kill. He knew just where to hit that fellow to knock him out, but he didn't mean to kill him, but he did,. He killed him, and he said that he knew that come daylight the niggers would gang up on their family and his life wouldn't be worth a hoot, or anybody in the family. So he crept out in the middle of the night and got as far as he could into the mountains before daylight. (*They lived near the Natural Bridge in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.*) And then he worked his way across the mountains, crossing into West Virginia, and how he got clear down into this section I don't know.

Pa, he wouldn't say anything against the Yankees or the colored people. Just like the girl in that picture I showed you, when I started to school in Smithburg with her, she said, "You can't go to school over here." And I said, "I

is intended to be solemnized between the said Mary **WILKINSON** and Eskr. **HALL** and they have agreed that the property of the said Mary with its encrease, shall during the whole time of the coverture of the said Mary remain her own several and separate property, as fully in all respect as if she had remained single and as much except from the right or claim of the said **HALL**, as if he was not the husband of the said Mary wherefore the said Mary and the said Eskridge **HALL** for and in consideration of upon the said intermarriage and of said agreement have bargained and sold, and by these presents do bargain and sell, to the aforesaid Lemuel **WILKINSON** and his assigns forever the following property (to wit) One cow and calf, one heifer two sheep, one woman's saddle one bed and bedding together with several other articles of household and kitchen furniture, to have and to hold the said property with its encrease to him the said Lemuel and his assigns forever in trust however, as follows that is to say that the said Lemuel shall hold the said property from hence forth and during the said coverture of said Mary by said intended inter marriage for the separate use of, and as the separate property of the said Mary and suffer her to have the entire contand ?__separate from any right or claim of said Eskridge **HALL** and entirely except from the claim of him or his creditors and intrust to prevent the said **HALL** (notwithstanding the said marriage from disposing of the said property In testimony whereof we hereunto set our hands and seal the date above written. Signed with a seal by Mary **WILKINSON**, Eskridge **HALL** and Lemuel **WILKINSON**. Contract was witnessed by: Jos **JOHNSON**, Andrew **DAVISSON** and Daniel **WILKINSON**. The contract was presented to the Harrison County Clerk's Office on 21st Nov. 1825.

Lemuel **WILKINSON** was the father of Mary. On the 17 June 1833 Eskridge sold the land he inherited from his father, William **HALL**, to William **CARDER** Jr. On 12 Aug 1836 Lemuel **WILKINSON**, Samuel **WILKINSON**, his wife Hannah and Charity of the State of Indiana sold part of the Nathan **WILKINSON** survey in Bridgeport (18 & 1/2 acres). Harrison Co., WV Deed Bk24:355. Nathan was Lemuel's father and Charity was Lemuel's wife. The latter grantors were examined in Hancock Co., Indiana. Charity **WILKINSON** of Hancock Co., IN also sold some land In Bridgeport at that time to William **JOHNSON**. Harrison Co., WV Deed Bk24:355. According to Edgar **HALL** born 1831 in Harrison Co., VA\now WV, son of Eskridge and Mary **WILKINSON HALL**, his parents moved to Henry County Indiana when he was about nine years. The biography of Elias **HINSHAW** (excerpt above), states Mary **WILKINSON HALL** died in VA after having five children. Eskridge **HALL** married his second wife, Maria **CHAPIN STEELE** in Henry Co., Indiana on 1 Sep. 1842.

Notes for MARY WILKINSON:
AKA Mariah

Notes for MARIA CHAPIN STEELE:

1 January 1880 enumerated in Brown, Hancock Co., IN: Mariah HALL 69 years, widow, b. WV (other census records has her b. VA). Both parents are listed as born in Massachusetts. In Maria's household are William HOLLAND 24 years b. IN, grandson; Mollie E. HOLLAND 1 year, g. granddaughter b. IN; L D HOLLAND 2 months gg daughter.

Children of ESKRIDGE HALL and MARY WILKINSON are:

- i. WILLIAM³ HALL, b. Abt. 1826, Prob Harrison Co., WV.
- ii. ? HALL, b. Bet. 1826 - 1830, Prob Harrison Co., WV; d. Bet. 1840 - 1850.
2. iii. EDGAR HALL, b. 08 Dec 1831, Harrison Co., VA\now WV; d. 02 Dec 1900, Prob. Red Oak, Montgomery Co., IA.
3. iv. EMMALINE HALL, b. Aug 1835, Prob Harrison Co., VA\now WV; d. 06 May 1909, Prob. Knightstown, Henry Co., IN.
4. v. MAHALA HALL, b. Nov 1838, Prob Harrison Co., WV; d. 30 May 1914, Knightstown, IN.

Children of ESKRIDGE HALL and MARIA STEELE are:

- vi. HENRY³ HALL, b. Abt. 1843, IN.
5. vii. LAVINA HALL, b. Abt. 1846, IN.
- viii. WARREN HALL, b. Abt. 1847, IN.
- ix. ELEANOR HALL, b. Abt. 1847, IN.

Generation No. 2

2. EDGAR³ HALL (*ESKRIDGE², WILLIAM¹*) was born 08 Dec 1831 in Harrison Co., VA\now WV, and died 02 Dec 1900 in Prob. Red Oak, Montgomery Co., IA. He married (1) Asenith A. BURRIS 01 Apr 1858 in Greensboro, Henry Co., IN³. She was born Abt. 1838 in IN, and died 15 May 1876 in Prob. Red Oak, Montgomery Co., IA⁴. He married (2) MARSHA H. LANE 18 Dec 1877 in Prob. Red Oak, Montgomery Co., IA⁵. She was born Jun 1836 in OH, and died Aft. Dec 1900.

Notes for EDGAR HALL:

HALL, EDGAR, farmer, section 4, P. O. Red Oak; born in Harrison

ANN WILFONG NAMED HISTORY HERO



HCPD recently participated in History Day at the Legislature. During that event Ann WILFONG was named a History Hero by the Archives and History Section of the West Virginia Division of Culture and History in a special ceremony during "History Day at the Legislature" in Charleston.

Ann has been an HCPD member since 2005. She is a volunteer at the library and, in addition to having responsibility for various collections, keeps the building open for evening activities on Thursdays. Ann is active in all the group's fundraising activities, and she is currently spearheading and coordinating the collection and preparation of the third book on veterans in Central West Virginia. She is also working on a book about the one-room schools in Lewis County.

Pictured with HCPD's display in the Capitol rotunda, left to right are: Delegate Peggy DONALDSON SMITH; Audrey BRENNEMAN, HCPD Librarian; State Senator Doug FACEMIRE; WILFONG; Linda PARSONS, HCPD Executive Director; and Betty Ann NICHOLSON, HCPD Treasurer.

WOOFTER Cemetery

Needs Your Help

by Marshall **WOOFTER** and Marilyn L. (**WOOFTER**) **WORKMAN**

The **WOOFTER** Cemetery, established in 1874, is located on Isaac Fork Road near Churchville, West Virginia.

In recent years the cemetery has required much repair. A donation given in honor of Arnett **WOOFTER**, a new fence was built and painted black with a new sign. (The old sign was stolen.)

There are fifty-one graves that do not have markers; these are the graves of people whose names are now unknown, but they are not forgotten, at least not by us. When we were children, our father, Darrell **WOOFTER**, set up cinder blocks to mark the location of these unidentified gravesites, but these markers have since deteriorated.

WOOFTER Cemetery is known as a pauper's cemetery, "Where Heaven and Earth Kiss." Marshall **WOOFTER** is the current caretaker.

The caretaker and his family have secured enough donations to place markers at each grave. Written on each marker will be "Unknown No. 1," "Unknown No. 2," etc. Each will be a 6" X 12" flat granite marker that the cemetery caretakers can mow over.

On page __, you will find a map showing the known graves as well as the unknowns. If you can identify any of the unknowns, please contact Marilyn L. **WORKMAN**, Lewis County Printing, LLC, 303 John Street, Weston, WV 26452. If you have any questions, please call me at the printshop, 304-269-6496.

Thank you.

Editor's Note: Marilyn and Marshall are fifth generation descendants of Isaac **WOOFTER**. Marilyn's printshop has printed the Journal for twenty-five of its thirty years.

County, Virginia, December 8, 1831. His parents moved to Henry County, Indiana, when he was about nine years of age. He was brought up on a farm and remained at home until he was twenty-one years old; then followed lumbering until 1859. In the fall of 1859, he came to Red Oak, bought a farm of one hundred acres, built a house the next spring and moved into it, and is living there at this time. Mr. **HALL** contemplates breeding fine blooded stock in the near future. He had many hardships and inconveniences of early life in Montgomery County to relate, among which was an almost entire absence of roads, trading points and supplies. About the only convenience was the **SILKETT** (now **MANKER**'s) mill, north of Red Oak. There was a time in Mr. **HALL**'s history in this county when there could not be a dollar's worth of goods bought in the county. He at one time hauled a load of wheat to Sidney and could get only thirty-five cents cash per bushel, and was induced to trade the load at an advance of five cents per bushel, for a bill of goods, he paying a difference of \$20 cash. He very naturally was dissatisfied with the country, but could not sell nor get away, and now is glad of it. He let a golden opportunity of making a fortune pass, but he has a good farm and is content. He is a member of Red Oak lodge of the order of Odd Fellows. Was married to Miss A. **BURRIS**, a native of Indiana, in 1858. This wife died in the spring of 1876, and by that union he has four children living, one son and three daughters: Warren, Jennie, Emma, and Laura. He was married to Mrs. Mattie **LANE**, a native of Ohio, December 18, 1877. Mrs. **HALL** is a member of the Christian church, and has one daughter by her former husband, Jennie, now the wife of J. W. **PARMETER**. Source: US Gen Web, Montgomery Co., Iowa Biographies.

1860 enumerated in Red Oak, Montgomery Co., Iowa: Edgar **HALL** 27 years, b. VA, farmer; Aseneth 22 years b. IN; William W. **HALL** 1 mo b. IA. In the household are the following: Jesse **HAMILTON** 23 years, farmer, Mary J. **HAMILTON** 20 years; Nancy Ann **HAMILTON** 5 mo; John W. **HAMILTON** 2 years; Phebe A. **BURRIS** 19 years. Living beside them is an Abraham **BURRIS** 51 years.

1870 was enumerated in Red Oak, Montgomery Co., Iowa: Ed **HALL** 38 years b. VA, farmer; Aseneth 33 years b. IN; Wm. W. 9 years b. IA; Jane 6 years, b. IA; Emma 4 years, b. IA; Mary 1 year, b. IA. Beside them is a William **BURRIS**.

1880 was enumerated in Grant, Montgomery Co., Iowa: Ed **HALL** 48 years, farmer; Mattie 43 years b. OH; Orrin 20 years, son (this is prob. William Warren); Jennie 16 years (this is prob. Jane); Emma 13 years; Laura 6 years; Jennie **LANE** 23 years, step daughter and James **SHAW** 17 years, servant.

1885 enumerated in Red Oak, Montgomery Co., Iowa: Edgar **HALL** 53

years; Mattie 48 years; Warren W. 24 years; Emma 18 years; Laura A. 20 years.

4th or 5th June 1900 enumerated in Red Oak, Montgomery Co., IA: Edgar b. Dec. 1831, 68 years; Marsha H. b. June 1836 OH, 63 years. 1900 enumerated in Red Oak, Montgomery Co., IA: Edgar **HALL** 68 years; Marsha H. 63 years.

Notes for **MARSHA H. LANE**:
AKA "Mattie".

Children of **EDGAR HALL** and **ASENITH BURRIS** are:

- i. **WILLIAM WARREN⁴ HALL**, b. May 1860, Prob. Red Oak, Montgomery Co., IA.
- ii. **ALICE HALL**, b. 1862, Prob. Red Oak, Montgomery Co., IA; d. 11 May 1869, Prob. Red Oak, Montgomery Co., IA⁶.
- iii. **JANE HALL**, b. 21 Feb 1864, Prob. Red Oak, Montgomery Co., IA; d. 17 Mar 1931, Chicago, Cook Co., IL.
- iv. **LAURA A. HALL**, b. Abt. 1865, Prob. Red Oak, Montgomery Co., IA.

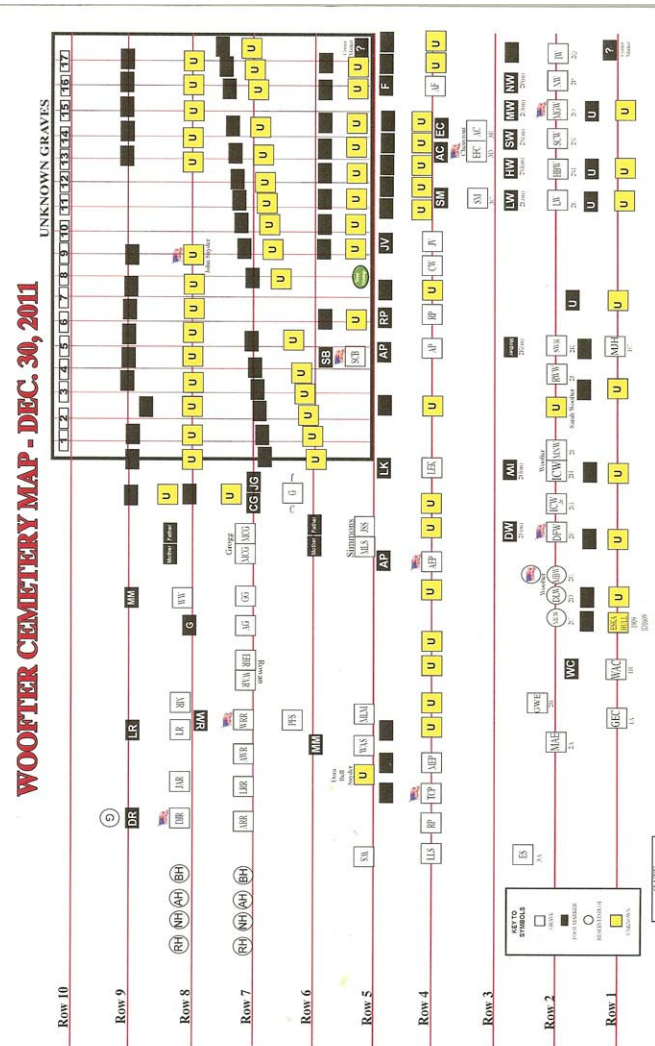
Notes for **LAURA A. HALL**:
Found in Edgar's household only in 1885 census.

- v. **EMMA HALL**, b. Abt. 1866, Prob. Red Oak, Montgomery Co., IA; d. 04 Nov 1887, Prob. Red Oak, Montgomery Co., IA⁷.
- vi. **MARY HALL**, b. Abt. 1869, Prob. Red Oak, Montgomery Co., IA; d. 13 Dec 1873, Prob. Red Oak, Montgomery Co., IA.

3. **EMMALINE³ HALL** (*ESKRIDGE², WILLIAM*) was born Aug 1835 in Prob Harrison Co., Valnow WV, and died 06 May 1909 in Prob. Knightstown, Henry Co., IN. She married **ELIAS HINSHAW** 03 Jul 1856 in Henry Co., IN⁸. He was born 09 Nov 1830 in Guilford County, North Carolina, and died 24 Apr 1900 in Knightstown, Henry Co., IN⁹.

Notes for **EMMALINE HALL**:

1860 Wayne Twp., Henry Co., Indiana census: Elias **HINSHAW** 30 years, master blacksmith; "Emeline" 25 years; Charlie 2 years; Edgar 3 months. Living in the household are Mahala **HALL** (Emmaline's sister) 21 years and Henry **FREDERICK** 21 years, journey blacksmith.



If you can identify any of the "unknowns" in the **WOOFTER** Cemetery, please contact Marilyn **WOOFER WORKMAN**. Her contact information is in the adjacent article.

stock. They own two farms in Henry County, consisting of about three hundred acres, and the land is mostly devoted to grain and stock raising. Mr. **WILKINSON** is a member of the Indianapolis board of trade, having joined at the time of its organization, and transacts his grain business through that body. He has been a constant attendant and keeps in close touch with the markets, being thus enabled to transact his business with greater facility and more certainty. He was the first president of the Citizens Bank at Knightstown, holding the position for several years, and still retains his stock in that institution. On the 18th of November, 1852, Elnathan N. **WILKINSON** was united in marriage with Miss Rebecca **ALBRIGHT**, daughter of William and Elizabeth **ALBRIGHT**, who resided about two miles north of Knightstown. She was born in North Carolina, but when a child was brought by her parents to Henry County. She was twenty-four years of age at the time of her marriage, which union was blessed by the birth of three children, namely: Mary Elizabeth is the wife of J. M. **POWER**, of Knightstown; Alice is the wife of F. B. **KENNARD**, of Omaha, Nebraska; she has a grandchild, born in Europe the subject thus being a great-grandfather; Eva M. is at home. Politically, Mr. **WILKINSON** cast his first ballot for the Democratic Party, but in 1856 on the formation of the Republican Party he gave his allegiance to that organization, with which he remained until 1896, when he cast his vote and influence in favor of the silver movement. He is not in sympathy with the foreign policy of the Republican Party. Socially Mr. **WILKINSON** is a Mason being a member of the blue lodge commandery and chapter in the last named of which he has served as high priest. He has also sat in the grand chapter. Both he and his wife are members of the Eastern Star. In the chapter of the latter order he was for years worthy patron and for one year served as grand patron of the state. He is a public spirited and progressive citizen, deeply interested in the welfare of the community and all that contributes to its educational, moral and material advancement. His business efforts have been crowned with a degree of success richly merited and he is now reaping the reward of his former years of arduous toil.

1870 enumerated in Knightstown, Henry Co., IN: Elias 39 years, farmer; Emeline 35 years; Charles 12 years; Lola 8 years; Willie 5 years; Earle 2 years. All the children were born in IN.

1880 enumerated in Knightstown, Henry Co., IN: Elias 49 years, retired farmer; Emaline 44 years; Charles 22 years, bookkeeper; Lola M. 18 years; Earl 12 years.

1900 enumerated in Wayne Twp., Henry Co., IN: Emma 64 b. Aug 1835 WV, widow, 7 ch 2 living; Charles 41 years b. Aug. 1858, attorney; Earl 32 years b. Oct 1867. printer.

Buried Old Knightstown Cem., Knightstown, Henry Co., IN.

Notes for ELIAS **HINSHAW**:

The following was found on Ancestry.com Henry Co., IN -Family History and Genealogy Message Board.

Typed by Lora Radiches.

ELIAS HINSHAW.

The gentleman of whom the biographer now writes was for many years identified with the interests of Henry County and contributed in a large degree to its material progress and prosperity. One of the extensive landowners of the county, he was an important factor in its varied interests and thus advanced the general welfare. Few lives furnish so striking an example of the wise application of sound principles and safe conservatism as did his. His was an honorable life, consistent with itself and its possibilities in every particular. Elias **HINSHAW**, deceased, was born in Guilford County, North Carolina, on the 9th of November, 1830, and was the youngest in a family of twelve children, nine sons and three daughters born to Benjamin and Annis (**BOWMAN**) **HINSHAW**. Shortly after the birth of the subject his parents came to Indiana living for one year in Wayne County. In 1832 they settled on a farm near Greensboro, Henry county, and made that their home until a short time before their deaths, when they moved to Greensboro, where their deaths occurred, when he was eighty-two years old and his wife seventy-six. They were both members of the orthodox Society of Friends at Greensboro. The names of their children were as follows: John, Anna, William, Jesse, Susan, Edmond, Franklin, Seth, Cyrus, Lindsay, Millie and Elias. Of this large family but two Sons and two daughters are now living. Seth resides at Greensboro, aged eighty-three years; Lindsay is a well-to-do farmer, living in Greensboro Township;

Susy lives in Nebraska and Millie in Charlottesville. The entire family came to this county in poor financial circumstances, but all became wealthy. Elias **HINSHAW** the immediate subject of this memoir remained on the home farm until he was eighteen years old. At that age he went to Knightstown and entered a shop owned by his brother Franklin to learn the blacksmith's trade. He worked at this trade until he was thirty-one years old, most of the time at Knightstown, and then started a shop of his own. He later settled on a farm of two hundred and eighteen acres, three miles west of Knightstown, on the Greensboro pike. He had with the earnings from his shop work at first bought a tract of eighty-two acres and gradually added to it until he possessed four hundred acres, which he afterwards sold. He also owned another farm of seventy-two acres, which he sold. As a young man he had the knack of making money easily. He was industrious and skillful and exercised sound judgment in his business ventures, so that he made rapid and continual progress in his financial affairs constantly adding more land to his possessions he kept much high grade live stock and was generally accounted one of the leading farmers of his community. He was liberal hearted to a fault and sustained some losses by lending money and not exacting security. His home farm was originally entered by William Macy, who erected upon it a residence, but never lived there. In 1883 Mr. **HINSHAW** built the house that now stands there, a large, roomy, well-built house. This farm he always rented, as it was a fine piece of property, and he was never without a tenant. The death of Mr. **HINSHAW** occurred on the 11th of April, 1900. (death record has 24 April) About nine years before that time he had received a stroke of paralysis but partially recovered his health, being able to walk about until about six years before his death, when he was stricken the second time, and after that was practically helpless and gradually failed. His mother and others of his family passed away as a result of the same disease his mother being apparently well and able to attend to her household duties until a few minutes before her death. Politically Mr. **HINSHAW** had originally been a Whig, and afterward became a republican but was never a seeker after office. However, he was prevailed upon to serve his fellow citizens as a member of the town council and remained a member of that body for several years. He made a splendid record there for his sound judgment and energetic efforts in behalf of the interests of the community his advice being constantly sought on all questions affecting the public welfare. Religiously he was a member of the Society of Friends, but upon his marriage outside of that society, the society withdrew from him. However, he was a friend of all churches and liberal in his donations to all benevolences. He simplified the settlement of his estate by leaving it all to his widow. (Remainder of this biography

worked for a Mr. **HARLAN** to pay for the pasturage. At this time **HARLAN** was digging a new millrace and the subject remained with him a year, the next season running Mr. **HARLAN**'s sawmill. At the conclusion of this service the subject found himself the happy possessor of three twenty-dollar gold pieces and he felt richer than ever before or since. In partnership with his uncle, William **LEWIS**, the subject bought a sawmill in Hancock County, three miles north of Charlottesville. Before that he had worked in the first steam sawmill in Henry County, it being located, about one mile south of Shirley after its removal from Cambridge City about 1850. During that employment he had received thirteen dollars per month. In the new enterprise the foreman and sawyer received thirty dollars per month, big wages in the eyes of the subject at that time. However in less than one year Mr. **WILKINSON** had the same situation, at a salary of one dollar per day. This mill was at first a muley sawmill, in which the saw ran in a groove. Mr. **WILKINSON** gave his attention to this mill for four years and then returned to the farm in Wayne Township. It had on it at this time a cabin, a log barn, and about thirty acres of land cleared for cultivation, besides this all being woodland. He remained on the farm two years, when he bought a sawmill at Elizabeth City in company with John H. **WILKINSON** and Robert **ALBRIGHT**. This was also a muley mill and they operated it during the time of the Civil war. In 1865, on the return of his brother from the army, they opened a small store, and this partnership has continued ever since, though since of much greater magnitude. At first the store was a muddy little place, but it was a good location, for the mill-attracted people from a distance, and the firm soon discovered they had embarked in a moneymaking enterprise. They remained there engaged in selling goods and buying produce, and it was not long until their business transactions amounted to thirty thousand dollars annually. At this time they were also handling stock and grain. In 1867 they erected an elevator at Knightstown and have conducted a grain trade here ever since. T. B. King had charge of the business at Elizabeth City until it was consolidated with the establishment at Knightstown. They also owned the old Goble flouring mills. Elnathan **WILKINSON** has sold his interest in the grain business and mill at Knightstown, but they still own three other elevators, one each at Wilkinson, Kennard and Charlottesville, all of which they built. In addition to the above mentioned business they for some years leased elevators at Mays, Dunreith, Spiceland and Carthage handling at these places over half a million bushels of grain. At one time the subject was associated in business with Reuben **PEDEN**, but their association was terminated by the sudden death of the latter on the railroad. The subject and his partners have shipped large quantities of grain and have also led and shipped much

Elnathan **WILKINSON** was born July 30, 1830, in Harrison county, Virginia. That date was also the anniversary of his father's birth. In his sixth year he accompanied his parents on their migration to Indiana and his boyhood days were spent in their wilderness home there. During their first winter in Indiana an aunt of the subject, Miss Ursula, a maiden lady of about thirty years, who later became the wife of William **LEWIS**, had a fine saddle horse, which died the first winter they lived there, and it was hauled out in the woods and was devoured by the wolves. Once while in a sugar camp in fallen timber, the subject and another boy, who were engaged in boiling sugar, heard the howling of wolves, and finally became so lonely and frightened that they pulled their fire and hurried home. In those days there were not so many chances for amusement as now, and dominoes was one of the subject's chief evening pastimes. At this time an old Virginia friend, Coonrod **COON** had land adjoining the **WILKINSON** tract on the north and a family by the name of **DAVIS** lived about one mile and a half distant. They each erected cabins that first winter. The next winter the subject's father took a trip back to Virginia, traveling the entire distance on horseback. The country was thickly dotted with ponds, which were full of frogs and malaria. Milk sickness was quite prevalent, causing many deaths, while chills and fever were very severe. However, in spite of the many drawbacks to a life amid such surroundings, the settlers generally enjoyed pretty good health and had many pleasant gatherings. Outdoor sports, such as racing, etc., were very much in vogue. The subject's first harvest was with reap hook and cradle. He disliked binding and thought if he could cradle he would like it better. Edward **BELSON** owned a cradle that the subject wanted very much, and he split one thousand rails, receiving that cradle as compensation. Elnathan **WILKINSON** was fond of reading and perused all books he could get. At one time he carried a Life of David Crockett in his pocket and one day after dinner read some from it aloud and the older people were so well pleased with it that they would not allow him to stop until he had read to the end of the book. He bought the first copies of the Saturday Evening Post and would sit up evenings and read them to his uncle's family after which the copies would be passed in succession to all their neighbors. The first preacher whom he heard was Joshua **HICKMAN**, a Baptist. Mr. **WILKINSON**'s grandmother was a Baptist and also preached at this home. Rev. Morgan **MCQUERY**, a Baptist preacher, also came to the **WILKINSON** home. Bottle of whiskey were upon the table and everybody drank. Elnathan **WILKINSON** remained upon the home farm until he had attained manhood, though in the meantime he occasionally worked for others. He owned a colt, which he had in pasture one summer, and then in the fall after the regular work was over, he

included in the notes for Eskridge **HALL**). Source for the Biography: Compendium of Bibliography of Henry County, Indiana" by B.F. **BOWEN** pages 638-640. Posted on Gen Web by Lora Radiches.

His Civil War Draft Registration Record can be found on Ancestry.com. "During the Civil War, Elias of Knightstown served as a Private in Company A, 105th Indiana Infantry-Morgan Raid Minute Men (This company was mustered into the State Service only, July 12, 1863, to repel the Morgan Raid. Mustered out July 18, 1863)" Source: "The **HINSHAW** and **HENSHAW** Families", by William **HENSHAW**, edited by Milo Custer, private printing, Bloomington, Illinois, 1911; Frank I. Miller Co., printers. LDS microfilm number 1402822. cited in the **HINSHAW** Genealogy copyrighted by the **HINSHAW** Association.

Elias **HINSHAW**'s home in Knightstown, Henry Co., IN is on the National Historic Register and pictures and articles of the house can be found on the internet.

Elias is buried in the Old Knightstown Cemetery.

Children of EMMALINE **HALL** and ELIAS **HINSHAW** are:

- i. CHARLES H.⁴ **HINSHAW**, b. 19 Aug 1857, Knightstown, Henry Co., IN; d. 14 Feb 1920, Prob Knightstown, Henry Co., IN¹⁰; m. ELIZABETH C. **FLANNAGAN**, 26 Feb 1913, Charlottesville, VA¹¹.

Notes for ELIZABETH C. **FLANNAGAN**:
AKA Lizzie

- ii. EUGENE EDGAR **HINSHAW**, b. Apr 1860, Knightstown, Henry Co., IN; d. 1861, Knightstown, Henry Co., IN.

Notes for EUGENE EDGAR **HINSHAW**:
1860 census for Wayne Twp., Henry Co., IN on 26 July lists him as Edgar **HINSHAW**.
Buried Old Knightstown Cem., Knightstown, Henry Co., IN.

- iii. LOLA M. **HINSHAW**, b. 1862, Knightstown, Henry Co., IN; d. 1884, Knightstown, Henry Co., IN.

Notes for LOLA M. **HINSHAW**:
Buried Old Knightstown Cem., Knightstown, Henry Co., IN.

- iv. WILLIE **HINSHAW**, b. 1864, Knightstown, Henry Co., IN; d.

- 1873, Knightstown, Henry Co., IN.
6. v. EARL ESKRIDGE **HINSHAW**, b. 13 Oct 1867, Knightstown, Henry Co., IN; d. 30 Apr 1928, Cuyahoga Co., OH.
 - vi. HARRY **HINSHAW**, b. 1874, Knightstown, Henry Co., IN; d. 1876, Knightstown, Henry Co., IN.

Notes for HARRY **HINSHAW**:

Buried Old Knightstown Cem., Knightstown, Henry Co., IN.

- vii. LILLIAN **HINSHAW**, b. 1877, Knightstown, Henry Co., IN; d. 1877, Knightstown, Henry Co., IN.

Notes for LILLIAN **HINSHAW**:

Buried Old Knightstown Cem., Knightstown, Henry Co., IN.

4. MAHALA³ **HALL** (*ESKRIDGE², WILLIAM*) was born Nov 1838 in Prob Harrison Co., WV¹², and died 30 May 1914 in Knightstown, IN¹³. She married WESLEY **BYERLY** 31 Dec 1863 in Henry Co., IN¹⁴. He was born Sep 1838 in IN¹⁵, and died 23 Jun 1914 in Knightstown, IN.

Notes for MAHALA **HALL**:

1860 Mahala **HALL** was residing in Elias and sister Emmaline **HINSHAW**'s household, age 21 years b. VA.

1870 enumerated in Knightstown, Henry Co., Indiana: Wesley **BYERLY** 32 years, farmer; Mahala 32 years; Emma 5 years; Maude 4 years; Edgar 1 year.

1880 enumerated in Knightstown, Henry Co., Indiana: Wesley 42 years b. MA, broommaker; Mahala 41 years b. VA; Emma 15 years; Mary M. 14 years; Edgar 11 years; Nellie 9 years; Sadie 5 years. All the children were born in IN.

1900 enumerated in Wayne, Henry Co., IN: Wesley 61 years; Mahala 61 years, 5 ch 5 living; Emma 35 years; Maude 34 years; Nellie 29 years; Sadie 26 years.

1910 enumerated in Knightstown Ward 5, Henry Co., IN: Wesley 71 years, laborer odd jobs; Mahala 71 years; Maude 40 years; Nellie 38 years.

Children of MAHALA **HALL** and WESLEY **BYERLY** are:

- i. EMMA⁴ **BYERLY**, b. Oct 1865, Henry Co., IN.
- ii. MARY MAUDE **BYERLY**, b. Feb 1866, Henry Co., IN.
7. iii. EDGAR H. **BYERLY**, b. Nov 1868, Henry Co., IN; d. Bet. 1901 - 1910, Prob. IN.

was all-wild and unimproved and about the first thing they did, in the fall of 1833, was to build a cabin home for Daniel S. This cabin was in the midst of dense woods and what afterwards became the old Fall Creek road through their land near there. This road had been originally cut through by General Wayne to facilitate the passage of his army, and it served as an outlet to the old National road. Daniel S. **WILKINSON** recalls that on his first trip to Knightstown, nine miles distant, he saw Montgomery McCall, who was very much intoxicated, and who, leaning against the side of the tavern, was trying to imitate the bray of a jackass. George **WILKINSON**, a cousin of Daniel S., came to this locality some years later, but went farther west with the intention of locating in Illinois, though later returning to this county, where he afterwards resided until death. Lemuel **WILKINSON** reared a family here and after the Indians had left Kansas removed to that state and died there. His sons who remained in this state were Elmore, Hezekiah and Albert. They all married, reared families and died here. A daughter, Charity, married Newton **HAMMER** and became the mother of several children. She is also deceased. Cicero **WILKINSON** married Jane **HARLAN**, and later removed with his family to Kansas, where he died. Daniel S. **WILKINSON** removed to Minnesota in 1856 and secured land near Glencoe at a time when that town was experiencing a boom. He remained three years, when an Indian outbreak gave him a good excuse to return to Markleville, where he passed the remainder of his life. His wife passed away while they were still residing on their first entry in Indiana in 1848, and here his mother also had died at an advanced age. The Big Four railroad now passes through the old farms belonging to him and his brother Cicero. Daniel S. **WILKINSON** had seven children, four sons and three daughters, by his first wife, as follows: Elnathan, the immediate subject of this review; John H., who died in Knightstown, was associated in business with the subject; his widow now lives in Knightstown, but no children survive him; Thomas B.; lives in Knightstown George N. enlisted in the Third Indiana Cavalry during the war of the Rebellion and died while in the service, at Louisville, Kentucky, at the age of twenty-one years; Rufus A., now a resident of Kansas City, Missouri, also fought in defense of his country's flag, as a member of the Eighty-fourth Indiana Volunteer Regiment; he was at one time the owner of an improved farm in Kansas; Elizabeth Hannah died in young womanhood, while Martha Jane and Caroline both died in childhood. Daniel S. **WILKINSON** subsequently married Miss Patience **JOHNSON**, by whom he had one child and after her death he wedded Mrs. Jane Ann **BURDELTE**, by whom he had two children. His fourth conjugal union was to Mrs. Malinda **BRITTON**, who went with him to Minnesota. There were children born to this union,

Biography Of ELNATHAN WILKINSON

Submitted by Nancy Jackson

Classification: Biography

Surnames: **WILKINSON, STOUT, DICKINSON, HAMMER, HARLAN, JOHNSON, BURDELTE, BRITTON, LEWIS, BELSON, COON, HICKMAN, MCQUERY, PEDEN, ALBRIGHT, KENNARD POWER,** *Compendium of Biography Of Henry County, Indiana*, B.F. BOWEN, pp 655-659

Surnames in this biography are **WILKINSON, STOUT, DICKINSON, HAMMER, HARLAN, JOHNSON, BURDELTE, BRITTON, LEWIS, BELSON, COON, HICKMAN, MCQUERY, PEDEN, ALBRIGHT, KENNARD POWER,**

I typed this from a book I have, I do not know anymore about this family or any of the surnames mentioned in this biography. Nothing more is mentioned in the book.

For years one of the honored citizens and representative men of Henry County, Elnathan **WILKINSON** belongs to that class of public-spirited men who, while advancing individual prosperity, promote the public good. In the affairs of his community he takes an active part and gives his support to all measures for the benefit and progress of his locality. The paternal grandparents of the subject were Nathan and Charity (**STOUT**) **WILKINSON** and the former was the proprietor of a large plantation in Virginia. Their son, Daniel S., the father of the subject, was born in Harrison County, Virginia and was there united in marriage with Miss Mary **DICKINSON**, also a native of that county. In 1835 D. S. **WILKINSON**, with his wife and three children, came west to Indiana, and located on the line between Hancock and Henry counties. He had previously visited this section, coming on horseback, and had entered land for two of his brothers, Lemuel and Cicero, and their mother. Lemuel **WILKINSON** was a married man, while Cicero was single. The father of this family had previously passed away in Virginia. Another one of the brothers, Joseph, was drafted for service in the army during the war of 1812, but did not serve. The three brothers who came to Indiana had their lands all in one piece. The land

- iv. **NELLIE BYERLY**, b. Apr 1871, Henry Co., IN.
- v. **SADIE BYERLY**, b. May 1875, Henry Co., IN.

5. **LAVINA³ HALL** (*ESKRIDGE², WILLIAM¹*) was born Abt. 1846 in IN. She married **ABSALOM JESSE SIMPSON** 29 Jul 1865 in Henry Co., IN⁷⁶. He was born Abt. 1843 in IN.

Notes for **ABSALOM JESSE SIMPSON**:

Absalom on 10 Aug 1862 was residing in Knightstown, Henry Co., IN when he enlisted as a Pvt. He was mustered out on 14 Jun 1865 at Nashville, TN. He was in the 84th Regiment. Source: Ancestry.com-American Civil War Soldiers. Side served: Union; State served Indiana; Enlistment date: 10 Aug 1862.

1870 enumerated in Cicero, Hamilton Co., IN: Absalom **SIMPSON** 28 years b. OH, retail grocer; Lavina 22 years b. IN; Ernest 1 year b. IN. Also in the household is Lavina's mother Maria 58 years and sister Ellen 20 years. Residing next door is the household of David 54 years, retail grocer and Adelia **SIMPSON** 54 years.

Child of **LAVINA HALL** and **ABSALOM SIMPSON** is:

- 8. i. **ERNEST AIRE⁴ SIMPSON**, b. Jul 1869, Prob. Cicero, Hamilton Co., IN; d. Bet. 1920 - 1930, Prob. Indianapolis Co., Marion Co., IN.

Generation No. 3

6. **EARL ESKRIDGE⁴ HINSHAW** (*EMMALINE³ HALL, ESKRIDGE², WILLIAM¹*) was born 13 Oct 1867 in Knightstown, Henry Co., IN, and died 30 Apr 1928 in Cuyahoga Co., OH⁷⁷. He married **CLARA MILDRED DAYOFF** 23 Nov 1910 in Marion Co., IN⁷⁸. She was born 26 Sep 1886 in Green Co., IN, and died Aft. 1951 in Prob Lakewood, Cuyahoga Co., OH.

Notes for **EARL ESKRIDGE HINSHAW**:

1920 enumerated in Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co., OH: Earl **HINSHAW** 52 years b. IN, stock keeper in a store; Mildred 33 years b. IN; Charles 8 years b. IN; Earl Jr. 5 years b. VA.

Notes for **CLARA MILDRED DAYOFF**:

1930 enumerated in Cleveland, Cuyahoga, OH: Mildred 43 years, b. IN, widow; Charles 18 years b. IN, telegraph messenger; Earl 15 years b. VA, selling papers; William **TRETTLER** 13 years, nephew.

9. i. CHARLES T.⁵ **HINSHAW**, b. 19 Nov 1911, IN; d. 09 Sep 1961, Home, Ashtabula Co., OH.
10. ii. EARL SCOTT **HINSHAW**, b. 30 Apr 1914, VA; d. 04 Mar 1993, Home, Lakewood, Cuyahoga Co., OH.

7. EDGAR H.⁴ BYERLY (*MAHALA*³ *HALL*, *ESKRIDGE*², *WILLIAM*¹) was born Nov 1868 in Henry Co., IN, and died Bet. 1901 - 1910 in Prob. IN. He married M. **WILLIAMSON**¹⁹, daughter of DAVID **WILLIAMSON** and FRANCIS ?. She was born Apr 1867 in Ohio.

1900 listed as Maxine **BYERLY**; 1910 as Mary; 1920 as Mayme W;
1930 as Mame W.

1900 enumerated in Wayne Twp, Henry Co., IN: David **WILLIAMSON** 75 years; Francis **WILLIAMSON** 58; Edgar H. **BYERLY** 31 years, son-in-**LAW**; Maxine **BYERLY** 33 years.

1910 enumerated Knightstown Ward 2, Henry Co., IN: Mary **BYERLY**
43 years b. OH, widow; Paul W. **BYERLY** 8 years b. IN.

1920 enumerated in Wayne Twp, Henry Co., IN: Mayme W. **BYERLY** 43 years b. OH, saleslady in a shoe store; Paul W. son 18 years; Fannie H. **WILLIAMSON**, mother, 77 years.

1930 enumerated in Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN: Mame W. Byerley 55 years; Paul W **BYERLY** 28 years, single, accountant for a meat packing firm.

i. PAUL W.⁵ BYERLY, b. 16 Sep 1901, Henry Co., IN²⁰.

8. ERNEST AIRE⁴ **SIMPSON** (*LAVINA³ HALL, ESKRIDGE², WILLIAM*) was born Jul 1869 in Prob. Cicero, Hamilton Co., IN, and died Bet. 1920 - 1930 in Prob. Indianapolis Co., Marion Co., IN. He married MARY **ROLLINGS** 25 Oct 1891 in Hamilton Co., IN²⁷, daughter of ISAAC **ROLLINGS** and NANCY **WILSON**. She was born Feb 1869 in IN, and died Aft. 1930.

1900 enumerated in Jackson Twp, Hamilton Co., IN: "Earnest" 30 years, laborer glass factory; Mary 31 years; Albert E. 8 years.

1910 enumerated Noblesville Ward 2, Hamilton Co., IN: "Earnest" 40

31. Ancestry.com : World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918, Registered 5 Jun 1917. At the time was a shipping clerk in Noblesville, IN.

32. Ancestry.com Social Security Death Index..

33. Ancestry.com Index to Hamilton County, Indiana Marriage Record 1900-1920 Inclusive Volume.

34. Ancestry.com Social Security Death Index..

35. Ancestry.com Web: Marion County, Indiana marriages since 1925.

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SWISHER Gathering
August 3- 5, 2012

A group reservation has been made at Jackson's Mill for lodging and gathering. Picnic being planned at Watters **SMITH** State Park. Activities during August 8- 12th the following week to connect with HCPD 30th Anniversary Gathering. Cemetery clean up. Presentation will be made by Paul **PETTIT** on DNA testing and research into the longtime suspected unknown relationships between different **SWISHER** clans with West Virginia and Virginia roots.. Contact Paul **PETTIT** asap if you have any interest in attending for final for reservations.

More detailed outline the **SWISHER** Gathering will be distributed once there is a better idea on what the attendance will be..... even if you need time to decide, please let us know if you are thinking about attending the **SWISHER** Gathering.

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5. Marsha was a widow when she married Edgar and had a daughter Jennie via her previous husband.
6. Reading on US Gen Web, Montgomery Co., IA for Hevitt Cemetery/South Cemetery, Red Oak, Grant Twp., IA, section 5, Ancestry.com **WILKINSON** Family Tree, owner eLynn7 has Alice b. 1862; d. 11 May 1863.
7. Reading on US Gen Web, Montgomery Co., IA for Hevitt Cemetery/South Cemetery, Red Oak, Grant Twp., IA, section 5.
8. Ancestry.com: Henry County Indiana Index to Marriage Record 1850-1920 Bk. CC-1 page 485..
9. Ancestry.com: Indiana Deaths 1882-1920 County Health Office, New Castle, IN bk CSS-4 page 12, 69 years old at time of death.
10. Ancestry.com: The Banner Index of Obituaries., Birth 19 Aug. 1857; death 14 Feb. 1920. Note: 1900 census has him b. Aug. 1858.
11. Ancestry.com Virginia Marriages 1851-1929.
12. 1900 Wayne Twp, Henry Co., IN Census..
13. Ancestry.Com. Indiana Deaths, 1882-1920; record located at County Health Office, New Castle BkCSS-3 p. 45. Also Raysville/Knightstown Monthly Quaker Meeting Births & Deaths (Henry Co., IN).
14. Ancestry.com: Indiana Marriage Collection 1800-1941.
15. 1900 Wayne Twp, Henry Co., IN Census..
16. Ancestry.com Henry County, Indiana, Index to Marriage Records 1850-1920 Inclusive Vol, Original Record Located County Clerk's O; Book: CC3; Page 276.
17. Ancestry.com: Ohio Deaths, 1908-1932, 1938-1944 and 1958-2007.
18. Ancestry.com: Indiana Marriage Collection, 1800-1941, Index to Marriage Record 1906- 1910 Bk 59: 263.
19. Ancestry.com: Census records and birth record for her son..
20. Ancestry.com: Henry County Indiana Index to Birth Records 1882-1920 Inclusive Vol. 1 A-J Bk CSS-6 page 10., Father is listed as Edgar H. and mother as M. **WILLIAMSON**.
21. Ancestry.com **HAMILTON** County, Indiana, Index to Supplemental Record Marriage Transcript 1, W.P.A. Original Record Located County Clerk's Of; Book C-2, page 18.
22. Ancestry.com **KELLYSIMPSON** Family Tree; owner **PATTERSON** 1222.
23. Ancestry.com : Social Security Death Index, Date for Birthdate. Death Record has he was born in 1912.
24. Ancestry.com : Social Security Death Index and Ohio Deaths, 1908-1932, 1938-1944. and 1958-2007.
25. Ancestry.com: Cuyahoga Co., OH, Marriage Records and Indexes 1810-1973.
26. Ohio Deaths, 1908-1932, 1938-1944. and 1958-2007, birthdate listed.
27. Ohio Deaths, 1908-1932, 1938-1944. and 1958-2007.
28. Ancestry.com : Social Security Death Index and Ohio Deaths, 1908-1932, 1938-1944. and 1958-2007, Death record lists his birth date and shows he had 9 years of schooling. His civil occupation was welder and cutter.
29. Ancestry.com: Cuyahoga Co., OH, Marriage Records and Indexes 1810-1973.
30. Ancestry.com: Social Security Death Index and Ohio Deaths, 1908-1932,

years, packer in a factory; Mary 41 years 3 ch 3 living; Albert E. 17 years, packer in a factory; "Marlie" 6 years; Paul 3 years.

1920 enumerated in Indianapolis Ward 2, Marion Co., IN: "Ernest A" 50 years folding boxes in a packing company; Mary 50 years; Marley 16 years, filing clerk Bradstreets Office; Paul 12 years. Residing next to them are Albert and Ruth. Residing next to his parents.

Original Source for this line: **PATTERSON** 1222 (owner) **SIMPSON/KELLY** Family Tree on Ancestry.com (Thecia **PATTERSON**, contributor)

Notes for MARY **ROLLINGS**:

1930 enumerated in Elkhart, Elkhart Co., IN 60 years b. IN, widow; Paul A. 23 years b. IN, son working as an Insurance Agent.

Children of ERNEST **SIMPSON** and MARY **ROLLINGS** are:

11. i. ALBERT EDWARD⁵ **SIMPSON**, b. 26 May 1892, Cicero, IN; d. Jul 1979, Prob. Indianapolis Co., Marion Co., IN.
12. ii. MARLEY ROBERT **SIMPSON**, b. Abt. 1904, IN.
- iii. PAUL ALBERT **SIMPSON**, b. 28 Mar 1907, IN; d. 29 Sep 1995, Estes Park, Larimer Co., CO; m. RUTH IRENE **METZGER**, 23 Jun 1944, Kosciuska Co., IN²²; b. 27 Sep 1901, Kosciuska Co., IN; d. Jul 1988, Estes Park, Larimer Co., CO.

Generation No. 4

9. CHARLES T.⁵ **HINSHAW** (*EARL ESKRIDGE⁴, EMMALINE³ HALL, ESKRIDGE², WILLIAM¹*) was born 19 Nov 1911 in IN²³, and died 09 Sep 1961 in Home, Ashtabula Co., OH²⁴. He married EMILY **MCLEAN** 26 Sep 1941 in Cuyahoga Co., OH²⁵, daughter of EDWARD **MCLEAN** and HELEN **HORSHAM**. She was born 01 Feb 1914 in Ohio²⁶, and died 20 Jun 1990 in Home, Ashtabula Co., OH²⁷.

Notes for CHARLES T. **HINSHAW**:

On 19 Oct. 1942 Charles T. enlisted in Cleveland as a Pvt. in the Army. His birth year is listed as 1911 b. Indiana. He had 3 years of High School; single with dependents. His civil occupation was semiskilled mechanics and repairman, motor vehicles. He was 67 inches tall and weighed 174 lbs.

Notes for EMILY **MCLEAN**:

Occupation on death record was Private household cleaners and

servants.

Children of CHARLES **HINSHAW** and EMILY **MCLEAN** are:

- i. LIVING⁶ **HINSHAW**.
- ii. LIVING **HINSHAW**.

10. EARL SCOTT⁵ **HINSHAW** (*EARL ESKRIDGE⁴, EMMALINE³ HALL, ESKRIDGE², WILLIAM¹*) was born 30 Apr 1914 in VA, and died 04 Mar 1993 in Home, Lakewood, Cuyahoga Co., OH²⁸. He married RUTH THERESIA **BURGER** Bet. 1946 - 1948 in Cuyahoga County, OH²⁹. She was born 11 Apr 1921 in Ohio, and died 08 Dec 2007 in Prob. Ashland Co., Ohio³⁰.

Notes for EARL SCOTT **HINSHAW**:

7 Aug 1941 enlisted at Cleveland as a Pvt. in the Army; residing in Cuyahoga Co., OH. He had 2 years of high school with a civil occupation as clerk, general office. He was single without dependants. He was 64 inches tall and weighed 141 lbs.

Children of EARL **HINSHAW** and RUTH **BURGER** are:

- i. LIVING⁶ **HINSHAW**.
- ii. LIVING **HINSHAW**.
- iii. LIVING **HINSHAW**.

11. ALBERT EDWARD⁵ **SIMPSON** (*ERNEST AIRE⁴, LAVINA³ HALL, ESKRIDGE², WILLIAM¹*) was born 26 May 1892 in Cicero, IN³¹, and died Jul 1979 in Prob. Indianapolis Co., Marion Co., IN³². He married (1) RUTH A. **GRIFFITH** 08 May 1915 in Hamilton Co., IN³³, daughter of JOHN T. **GRIFFITH**. She was born Abt. 1892 in IN. He married (2) RACHEL IRENE **KELLY** Abt. 1929. She was born 03 Jan 1902 in IL, and died Sep 1985 in Johnson Co., IN³⁴.

Notes for ALBERT EDWARD **SIMPSON**:

1920 enumerated in Indianapolis Ward 2, Marion, IN: Albert E. **SIMPSON** 26 years b. IN, shipping clerk in a gas office; Ruth 26 years b. IN; George **LOEHR** 20 years, nephew b. IN.

1930 enumerated in Elkhart, Elkhart Co., IN: Edward **SIMPSON** 35 years b. IN, County tax adjuster, married age 34 years; Irene 28 years, b. IL, married age 27 years. In the household also were Mont **MADDEN** 40

years b. IL, brother-in-law; Elva **MADDEN** 39 years b. IL, sister-in-law. Ancestry.com U.S. World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942 shows him as 50 years, b. 26 May 1892 in Cocero, IN, residing in Indianapolis, IN with contact as Mrs. Irene **SIMPSON**. Note: World War I and World War II Registration has his middle name listed as Edward.

Notes for RUTH A. **GRIFFITH**:

1930 Ruth A. **SIMPSON** was enumerated in Noblesville, Hamilton Co., IN in her father's household: John T. **GRIFFITH** 64 years b. IN widower; Ruth A. **SIMPSON** 38 years, daughter, divorced; Belle M. **GRIFFITH** 53 years, sister. Prob. no issue.

Child of ALBERT **SIMPSON** and RACHEL **KELLY** is:

- i. LIVING⁶ **SIMPSON**.

12. MARLEY ROBERT⁵ **SIMPSON** (*ERNEST AIRE⁴, LAVINA³ HALL, ESKRIDGE², WILLIAM¹*) was born Abt. 1904 in IN. He married LOUISE **WATNESS** 20 Apr 1929 in Marion Co., IN³⁵.

Notes for MARLEY ROBERT **SIMPSON**:

"Bob"

Children of MARLEY **SIMPSON** and LOUISE **WATNESS** are:

- i. LIVING⁶ **SIMPSON**.
- ii. JOHN **SIMPSON**.

Notes for JOHN **SIMPSON**:

Died at about 20 years. Buried Calvary Cemetery, Indianapolis, IN

Endnotes

1. Harrison Co., VA\now WV Marriage Record., Bond was posted on 6 Jun 1825. No actual date recorded for marriage, just listed. Bond was difficult to read.
2. Ancestry.com Indiana Marriage Collection, 1899-1941, A **CHAPIN** genealogy online has Maria's maiden name as **CHAPIN**.
3. Ancestry.com Henry County, Indiana, Index to Marriage Records 1850-1920 Inclusive Vol, Original Record Located County Clerk's O; Book: CC2; Page 178.
4. Reading on US Gen Web, Montgomery Co., IA for Hevitt Cemetery/South Cemetery, Red Oak, Grant Twp., IA, section 5.